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**NOTICE: EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR PROPOSED CHANGE
TO THE BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICE FEE FY 2014-2015**

Dear Business/Property Owner:

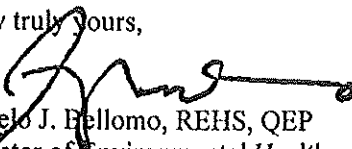
On or about July 11, 2014, you received notification from the Department of Public Health (DPH) of a proposed change in the backflow prevention device fee (BPD) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-2015. The letter was dated June 20, but because of a problem with the mailing system it was not received by the public until July 11 or afterwards. The delayed mailing shortened the public comment period and did not allow sufficient time for public response. To address this issue the public comment period has been extended to August 20, 2014.

DPH is providing this notification to ensure business and property owners subject to a BPD fee are aware of the proposed change for FY 2014-2015. The BPD fee is being recommended for an increase and will be considered by the Board of Supervisors on August 26, 2014 at 9:30 AM, in the Board Hearing Room, 500 W. Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

The last increase of the BPD fee was in 2007. At that time, the Board of Supervisors directed DPH to ensure that public health fees were aligned with the actual costs incurred by DPH to provide the service. Recently a review of the BPD fee was conducted and the results indicated that the current fee was insufficient to recover the actual cost incurred by DPH to provide County-wide oversight, monitoring and protection from contamination of the potable/drinking water system. Therefore, DPH is recommending the BPD fee be increased from \$20 to \$33 per device, effective in FY 2014-15. Written comments regarding the proposed fee change may be submitted through August 20, 2014, to phfees@ph.lacounty.gov.

If you have questions or need additional information, please call Carlos Borja, Chief Environmental Health Specialist at (626) 430-5292.

Very truly yours,


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